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**Amendment/Response in Application**

In response to the Examiner's office action of May 3, 2006, Applicants present the following amendment to the previously pending claims in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application. Claims 1-9 as amended, are now pending in the present application. Claims 10-11 are cancelled as being directed to a non-elected invention. The specification is amended to reflect government rights in the invention as a consequence of providing certain support for research into the present invention.

Applicants assert that the Examiner's rejection of the instant claims has now been obviated and that the presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.